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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ABORIGINAL POPULATION - 4,229.

The Government Statist obtains particulars annually of the known aboriginal population through the agency of the Police Officers and also reports from Stations and Farms. An analysis of these indicates an aboriginal population about 30th June, 1938 of 4,229 excluding an unknown number in the Musgrave and Everard Ranges. The numbers recorded vary considerably from year to year, it being impossible to record those who have "gone bush".

CLASSIFICATION OF RECORDED ABORIGINALS AS IN JUNE, 1938.

	Full Bloods		Half Castes		T O T A L		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total
On Mission Stations							
In Employment	10	6	142	8	152	14	166
Others	43	35	284	405	327	440	767
Others in Employment	287	90	202	74	489	164	653
Dependants of Employed	137	168	127	179	264	347	611
All Other	706	599	335	392	1,041	991	2,032
Grand Total	1,183	898	1,090	1,058	2,273	1,956	4,229
Adults	866	637	660	578	1,526	1,215	2,741
Children	317	261	430	480	747	741	1,482

FULL-BLOODS - numbered 2,081 or 49% of the total, - divided thus - Adults 1,503, Children 578.

HALF CASTES (and lesser castes) numbered 2,148 (51% of total)
Adults 1,238, Children 910.

ON MISSION STATIONS - On the 3 mission Stations (Point McLeay, Point Pearce and Koonibba) there were 933 aborigines, of whom 166 were reported to be employed. On these stations there were 94 full-blood and 839 half caste.

IN REGULAR EMPLOYMENT - The total reported to be in regular employment was 819. In addition to the 166 employed on mission stations, there were 653 others recorded as employed - chiefly on pastoral holdings. These 653 employed aborigines were reported as having 611 dependants.

ALL OTHERS - In addition to the 933 aborigines on mission stations, and the 653 others employed with their 611 dependants, there were 2,032 others (1,305 full blood and 727 half caste) who could be accounted for by the various police officers and pastoralists. As stated above, there are still others in the wild state or "gone bush", for whom it is impossible to give even an estimated number.

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